ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(i) re. Franchise Committee Report.

Mr. President.—I have received a number of notices of motions for adjournment. One of them, from Mr. A. V. Moothedan, is to discuss "*the Franchise Committee Report with special reference to the following points*:—

(*a*) *The reactionary and the retrograde nature of the committee proposals.*

(*b*) *The over-anxiety of the Government to rush through these reforms without consulting the Legislature and without paying any heed to public opinion.*

(*c*) *The dangerous repercussions on public life, if these proposals are carried out, without a thorough revision.*"

The order of the Government relating to the Franchise Committee Report arises out of Legislative Acts and any matter which forms part of the Acts is not within the purview of the Council. I would like to ask the Hon'ble Member whether he has to say anything in the matter.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—The Franchise Committee was appointed in furtherance of a cut motion passed in this House and therefore the Government have allowed the House to discuss that subject.

Mr. President.—As a matter of fact, in interpreting these rules relating to restrictions placed upon this House in the matter of subjects for discussion, I apply as liberal an interpretation as possible. That is why I allowed a general discussion on the question of franchise and the cut motion was allowed. But when a specific order of the Government is passed, that comes directly under the Act; and it will be a gross violation of the Rules to give a wide interpretation. Therefore, I am afraid I cannot allow it.

Motion was ruled out of order.

(ii) re. Grant to Teachers in Aided Primary Schools.

Mr. President.—The next motion also stands in the name of Mr. Moothedan. It is regarding the giving of grants to teachers working in unaided classes in the primary schools of the State.

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"*Necessity of giving effect to the cut motion passed in the last Budget session, regarding the giving of grant to teachers working in unaided classes in primary schools in the State*".

When so many motions or resolutions have been passed during the course of the various sessions, the fact that one particular resolution or cut motion has not been given effect to will not be a matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—It is a matter affecting the stomachs of so many teachers and therefore it is an urgent matter.

Motion was ruled out of order.

(iii) re. Constitutional Reforms proposed to be inaugurated by Government.

Mr. President.—Then the next motion from Mr. Moothedan is with regard to the "*necessity of publishing in the Gazette the Government proposals inaugurating constitutional reforms on the lines of the cut motions passed in the last budget session so that before the ensuing election the public may be sufficiently aware of the powers and responsibilities of the new Legislative Council Members who they are returning to the Council*".

I think the motion has only to be read to be ruled out.

Motion was ruled out of order.

(iv) & (v) re. Enrolment of S. S. L. C. voters in Electoral Rolls.

Mr. President.—Another motion from Mr. Moothedan reads: "*the time given to S. S. L. C. voters for getting their names entered on the Electoral Rolls is grossly inadequate, in that the S. S. L. C. voters of the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk are asked to get their names registered before the 7th Vrischikom 1113, by a Gazette Notification published in the Gazette of the 5th Vrischikom 1113.*"

There is a similar motion in the name of Mr. Panickar. I think the Secretary would like to make a statement on that.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—The Registration Officers have already published certain notifications and the Government also have seen that the time stipulated there is really inadequate. Government are

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